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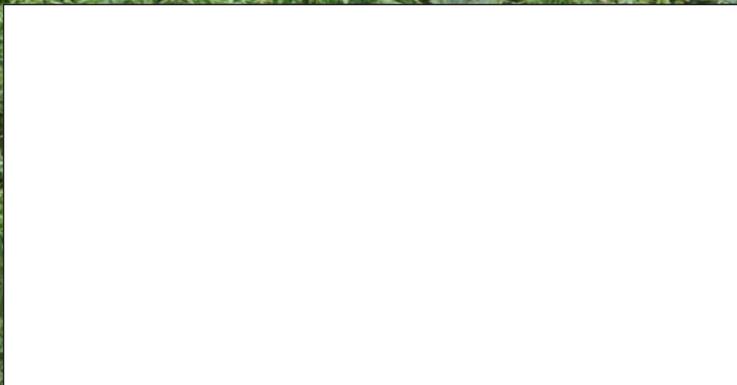


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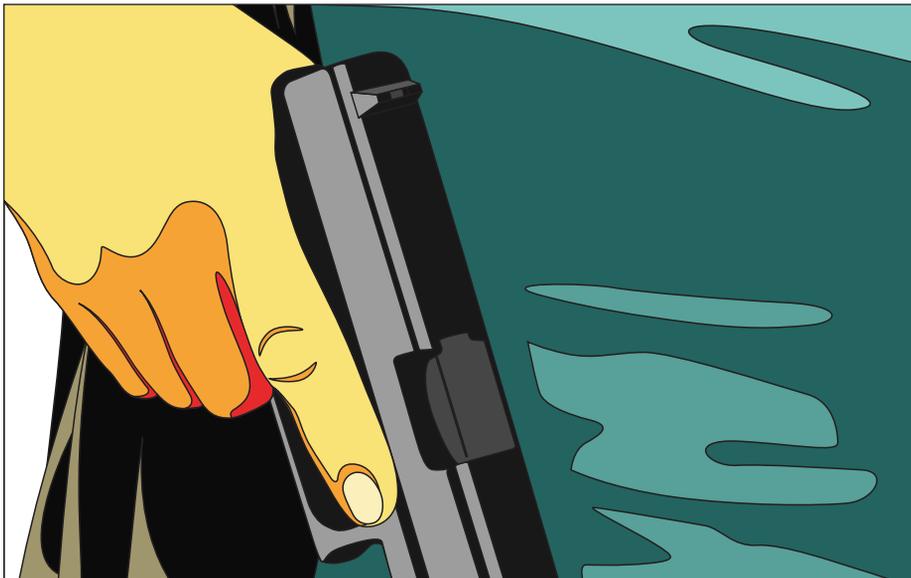
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A Busy Year of Growth Ahead

A Message from Joyce Wilson, IDPA Executive Director

Rumor has it that Pitbull is one of the greatest pop music entertainers of this decade, so I am a little chagrined to confess that I had not heard any of his music until recently. The song being discussed was "We Are One", the soccer world cup anthem. I may never be a big Pitbull fan, but some of the lyrics from this song jumped out at me as I thought about our upcoming World Championship.

*"Put your flags up in the sky
And wave them side to side
Show the world where you're from
Show the world we are one"*

Based on mailing schedules you may be reading this the week before the IDPA World Championship. I hope you are packing your bags as you read, because we are striving for an outstanding international experience for our members at this event. With more than 400 competitors from all over the world, this will truly be our opportunity to show the world that we are one. We are one IDPA family from every part of the globe. We are like-minded individuals who love our sport, and the opportunities and friendship that are a part of it.

To celebrate our global family, Brian Ehrler and his AMDs Rick Lund and Phil Torres have quite an adventure planned for us. Expect to encounter scenarios from the Antarctic to Poland to Canada to East Asia. You'll travel by subway, car and ship; you'll

utilize all of the IDPA skills you have practiced to get here. And most importantly, you will leave having met new friends from around the world.

If you want to continue this world-wide communication with all of our members, I encourage you to take advantage of some social media opportunities within IDPA. Over the past few months, I have been delighted to see the interesting and informative contributions to the weekly Tactical Brief that have been made by our members. I encourage anyone who is interested to submit information and articles for publication to brief@idpa.com. Our Video Team is also accepting videos for release via the IDPA website. For more information, or to submit a video, email: videos@idpa.com.

The folks at RANGELOG continue to be a great partner to IDPA, by assisting in advancing the member site and scoring features to better serve IDPA clubs and competitors, including deploying 2015 rules changes and an online FAQ for members.

RANGELOG is working to advance even more of IDPA's goals, including easier access to SO test scores and courses and a mobile-friendly website. In the past year, RANGELOG has been BETA testing the IDPA match management and scoring solution and is excited to offer the solution soon, continuing to keep IDPA ahead of the needs of its members.

I am looking forward to visiting with IDPA shooters on a couple of other occasions this fall. The national convention of The Well Armed Woman will be held in Mesa, AZ in October, where I will be a guest

speaker and will teach an Intro to IDPA class. Every day more women buy firearms and get concealed carry permits, and IDPA wants to be there to support them. You may be seeing a few of the women from HQ attending/assisting some of the many women's groups throughout the country, and I hope all of our members will support this effort. Additionally, members of the HQ staff and I will bump into a few hundred shooters at the 3rd Annual Smith & Wesson Back Up Gun Nationals in November. As always, we are grateful to S&W for their support of IDPA and for the wonderful matches they host.

Until I see you in Tulsa I'll be humming some Pitbull:

*"It's your world, my world,
our world today
And we invite the whole world to play
Show the world where you're from
Show the world we are one"*

~ Joyce



Joyce Wilson, #CL087

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TROPICAL SPORT SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

By Robert Kuntz



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A group photo from the TSSA Annual Picnic Match.

TROPICAL SPORT SHOOTING ASSOCIATION (Club C0004) is the largest IDPA club in South Florida. With an active membership of 168 local club members and a total shooter list of over 900 shooters, TSSA has hosted 496 shooters over the last 2 years at local matches at locations in Greater Miami and Fort Lauderdale. The club, formed in December of 1996, began shooting IDPA matches around the same time as the first IDPA Invitational match in Missouri. Founders Roger & Debbie Zimmerman who are active competitive shooters and early television broadcasters of the shooting sports, migrated to IDPA from other shooting sports. They brought with them a strong desire to build up defensive shooting sports in the community.

Florida (the Sunshine State) has always had a strong gun culture that has been supported by progressive self-defense laws so participation in IDPA developed quickly.

Since its humble beginning, TSSA has developed a strong core membership that gathers at least once a week to practice or shoot a local match. The club does not own a range of its own, so it maintains

long term rental agreements with two principal ranges in different counties. Markham Park, located inside a public park in Sunrise, Florida, has 100 yard and 50 yard ranges with classroom facilities, skeet, trap and lately archery.

TSSA used to conduct matches at another public range, Trail Glades Park west of Miami, but has moved those matches to a new and expansive private

range, Long Shot, in Homestead, FL. This private range and gun club opened in 2013 alongside the Homestead Air Reserve base. Here the club has access to multiple 25 yard bays and a 500 yard range, as well.

TSSA hosts bi-monthly IDPA matches on Saturday mornings, alternating between the two facilities. Local matches draw between 40 and 80 shooters (largely depending on the time of the year) and a typical local match has between 5 and 6 stages.

Although it lacked sufficient facilities in the past to host larger-scale matches of its own, the club still hosted the 2003, 2005 and 2006 Florida State Championships at ranges outside of the area, including in Naples and Frostproof. In other years, the club has played a crucial role at sanctioned matches and state championships throughout Florida, providing stage design, equipment, and bringing its cadre of well-qualified and experienced Safety Officers and match staff.

The opening of the Long Shot range, however, presented new opportunities, which TSSA immediately seized, beginning with a “test run” of the South Florida Defensive Challenge, a Tier 2 match with 80+ shooters in 2014. That match was a resounding success and now the club has stepped up to host the next Florida State Championship, a Tier 4, 250-shooter event on March 4th through the 6th in 2016 with Glock being the Title Sponsor of the event.

In 2009 the club noticed an influx of new shooters, many of whom were coming out with guns bought the night before, having never fired those guns, or sometimes any gun, before coming to an IDPA match. These new shooters were flooding events in sufficient numbers that the club decided to adopt a screening and intake program for safety reasons so they could welcome new shooters and to preserve everyone’s idea of a good time. TSSA developed a safety program that quickly assessed shooters’ abilities,

and diverted those who needed it into a formal training class before they could join a squad to compete. The results were spectacular. Since the program's inception, the club has recorded 1,200 new shooters. Although not all of these shooters become IDPA competitors, many of them use the club program for their range practice and are able to safely develop their skills and love of shooting. TSSA is proud of this contribution to the shooting community. Currently twice-monthly pistol matches are held, and the club holds defensive carbine and multi-gun matches once or twice a month. In addition, the club runs a monthly practice and drills night that features pistol and carbine practice, a separate IDPA Classifier Clinic, and a First Steps to IDPA training program for new shooters, all on the same night.

TSSA has always been a kid-friendly club. Members' children are brought up shooting IDPA safely and well, and our

annual Picnic Match features a .22 rifle shoot that often accommodates a dozen kids and generates mountains of brass and a lot of smiles. Nothing pleases us more than seeing a new shooter get their start at the picnic match, then come out and beat Dad or Mom at a Saturday match.

An overview of TSSA would not be complete without mentioning its Safety Officer staff. TSSA has 32 dedicated Safety Officers who have remained current during recertification, many of whom have well more than a decade of experience and more than half of whom have staffed sanctioned matches in Florida and across the country. (For example, TSSA sent a large contingent of Safety Officers to the inaugural World Match.) Most of the SO's double as NRA certified instructors & RSO's. Many are cross-trained by a club paramedic for treating trauma and gunshot wounds. TSSA's Safety Officers take pride in their support

of the club, IDPA and the wider shooting community.

This dedicated and hard-working core group has a lot to do with the close knit feeling within the club. Post-match lunches and dinner parties are always festive, and sometimes food is consumed.

TSSA is happy to host visitors from around the country and the world. If, like millions of travelers, you plan to come to South Florida, we would love to have you shoot with us.

See you on the range. Tj

Rick Lund, #A27521

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What's In Your Range Bag?

Tina Baxter Maldonado gives us a look inside

By Allison Neil

If someone walked up to you and asked to look inside your range bag, take some pictures and do a short interview would you freeze up and say no, duck and run away, or say sure here you go?

This is one of the reasons why I love shooting and working for this organization. I approached Tina Baxter Maldonado, a.k.a. Tigger, to do just that and with a smile she said yes!

I have known Tina now for about a year, I helped answer questions last year for the first ever all women's A Girl and A Gun squad at Nationals which she competed on. Since then I have run into her several times and we always have a great conversation. Tina is the type of person that you want on your side. She has a fantastic smile, a bright and cheery disposition, and great

personality but you know when things go down she will be there with her game face on taking care of business.

To say I was highly impressed with her range bag is the understatement of the year. As she started to pull things out of her relatively small range bag I thought, "Wow! I am not prepared and my bag is twice the size of hers." She has a place for everything and everything for that place.

Once we were done with our interview and the pictures were done, I tried to help get things back in to her bag, I finally had to give up and say, "Here you



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No, the bag's not actually bigger on the inside. It just seems that way.

do it. It's your bag and you know where everything belongs."

Tina has everything, a first aid kit, tools and parts to repair her gun, a squib rod, the list goes on and on.

If you would like to share what's in your range bag email me (allison@idpa.com) or find me on the range. Don't be shy,

So I ask the question, what's in your range bag? **TJ**

Allison Neil, #A51146

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Aside from her pistol and ammo here's the rest of Tina's range bag essentials.

- 1 Eye and Ear Pro
- 2 Ear Holders
- 3 D wipes
- 4 Tools
- 5 Glass cleaner
- 6 Slide glide for emergencies
- 7 Medical kit
- 8 Contact solution
- 9 Log Book*

*Note: Tina started her range log book several years ago when she first started shooting and has tracked every gun she has ever shot, who's gun it was, tid-bits about the type of shooting, and notes about what she learned that day.

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We Are All Shooters

By Shelley Giddings

It's amazing how far the shooting community has come in embracing women shooters, even in the nearly six years I've been involved we've seen a ton of improvement. It's interesting how some improvements have actually managed to create problems as well.

Pink gear is everyone's favorite example. Well, not everyone's, but the argument over pink gear rages. The thing is, there's nothing inherently wrong with gear being pink. It's when poorly made gear is turned pink and marketed directly to a demographic that is comprised primarily of newer shooters that the problem arises.

In a similar vein, the "helpfulness" of other shooters can sometimes really put a damper on a shooting experience. As I said, a majority of women shooters

are newer to the sport. Thus, it's easy for match officials or other participants to assume that a female shooter they haven't seen before is brand new to the shooting sports. Of course, we all know what assuming does...

The problem is that there are a lot of women in our community who have been participating in the shooting sports for quite a while. We are just like the men: we have good and bad stages, we have good and bad matches, we understand how the matches work, and we know what questions need to be asked when. Yet, despite the growing number of experienced women shooters we are regularly treated like new shooters regardless of our capability.

This totally accidental condescension comes in very simple forms – one of the ones I have noticed the most comes after I totally screw up a stage. I have had stages in which I have missed entire targets only to be told at the end what a good job I did. While I am appreciative of support, suggesting that a stage that I did visibly poorly on was a great stage is not the way to go.

So how do we balance helping new shooters, especially women, without causing more advanced shooters to feel condescended to?

The first thing is to remember that, at the end of the day, we are all shooters first and foremost. Just because we like clean bathrooms and pink gear doesn't mean that our primary purpose at any given function is not the same as any man's: to shoot, to have fun, and to improve.

While having a "Lady" category is great

for the growth of the sport, it doesn't mean we should all be treated the same – just like with any other category. Some women are newer shooters, some are not, and judging our skill level based simply on our category and applying advice in that fashion is not the way to foster long-term growth in the sport. If shooters who are even slightly advanced are consistently getting the same treatment as first-time attendees, it's going to become frustrating and they will either seek out other shooting sports or abandon the sport altogether.

Also, remember that no one has ever been offended by the question, "So how long have you been shooting?" This simple question can give a lot of insight into what to expect from a shooter or how to treat them. If I tell you I have been involved in the shooting sports for over four years and I completely miss one target (or more, I've had those days), saying "Great job on that stage!" is probably not going to make me feel much better.

Range officials and other squad members should also remember that jumping straight to giving someone advice is not always the best way to go. If someone is frustrated it's usually a better bet to ask them what is wrong before offering advice. If the answer is "I don't know why this is happening" then it's going to be more appropriate to suggest working on a smooth trigger pull than if the answer is "I am having a bad stage/match. I can do better."

Ultimately it comes down to treating all shooters with an equal level of respect. Consider if you are making assumptions about a shooter's ability based on a Category before you address them. Shooters are a naturally friendly and helpful bunch, and I never want us to lose that, but it's important that we are also being respectful of shooters' different experience levels regardless of whether or not they are in a specific Category. **TJ**



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FAWP is delighted to have Shelley Giddings, (#AA42426), as our Guest Columnist this quarter. She is the Editor of GunUp the Magazine and has been writing for the firearms industry for 6 years. An IDPA shooter for 5 years, she competes in CDP, SSP and BUG. For more from Shelley, check out her website <http://www.shelley-rae.com/> or learn more about GunUp and <http://www.gunup.com>.

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Reloading

A Skill and Potential Competitive Advantage

By Morgan Allen

Draws and reloads are probably the two most practiced techniques performed during dry fire by most competitors. Not including position to position movement and transitions when totaled across a full stage, these are usually the single most time consuming things we do during the execution of a stage and therefore do warrant the time spent improving those skills.

This article is focused on semi auto reloading. Regardless of the platform you shoot, the stage tactics presented can be adapted to benefit all competitors.

Body structure and mechanics differ from one person to another; so we'll all have slight variations in how we perform the reloading skill itself. Having said that, one of the things that should remain consistent for everyone is the placement of our support hand index finger along the side of the magazine with the tip of your finger just below the nose of the top bullet when drawing it from a carrier. The innate sense most people have of knowing where their pointer finger is in space helps make

reloads much faster. Also, it's important to have a slight bend in the finger. Straight index fingers along the inbound magazine can lead to self correcting errors (i.e. fractured index fingertips) when they compete for the same space in the magwell area as the magazine, especially if a magwell is present.

Aligning the shaft that will house the magazine within the gun to the direction of the incoming magazine is essential. I like to point the line of the magwell opening at my mag carrier because when I retrieve the new mag, it naturally lines up as I rotate the magazine up toward the gun. However you chose to reload, a lot of time may be wasted repositioning your gun and/or magazine if they aren't lined up as soon as the mag is turned toward the gun.

Make sure that you look at the inside edge of the outer wall of the gun's magwell when inserting the magazine. That reference point gives you the best depth perception view to help you clear the magwell opening consistently. Once the top of the magazine is clear, move your eyes back out to the next target of engagement. It's important to begin representing the gun to the target as soon as the top of the mag clears the opening, while also dropping the slide if performing an emergency reload. Some folks have their guns set up so that when the new mag is fully seated, the slide will drop, most of the time. When it doesn't automatically close, a lot of time is given up addressing the issue. Even if it automatically closes on

successful seating of the new mag, you're giving up time while the gun is just sitting there waiting for that to happen and before presentation to the target can begin. If you believe that you will give up some time presenting the gun while deactivating the slide stop, you are in fact performing two functions at the same time and therefore saving on overall time.

When you dry or live fire practice slide lock reloads, it helps to replicate most common use of the skill during a match. That means even if you aren't using a barricade in practice where you are forced to lean to the left or right side, lean as if you were because the mechanics and distance your arms need to travel will differ a little depending on what direction you are leaning. Shooters who don't do this in practice are inclined to stand up straight when originally leaning around a barricade to perform a reload, only to then have to assume the leaning position again.

The same logic applies "practice as you would in a match" to loaded chamber reloads (aka reloads with retention). Move your feet while performing that reload. For that type of reload, find the best place to stow partial magazines that best facilitates extraction of new mag whether in a pants pocket, concealment garment pocket, or your waist band so that you end up stowing the mag near the mag carrier to cut down on time to reach the new mag.

When loading and making ready at the start of a stage, you should do it like you mean it. When given the command by the SO before the stage start to make ready, load your gun as if you were performing it like you will in about thirty seconds. Many shooters casually load and don't position the gun well when doing so. What do you think will happen after the buzzer goes off? It's a great free chance to practice a good reload.

Reloading has a bit more to it than merely the action of refreshing your gun. There are opportunities to be had that provide an advantage over other actions



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Practicing consistent grip and aligning your index finger along the front of the magazine will promote fast and reliable reloads.



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Keep the profile of the magwell facing you to let your depth perception help index the magazine and pistol.

when successfully worked into a stage plan.

Consider the time it takes to refresh the gun only versus the time to complete the reload and then aim at a target and fire an accurate shot. In many cases, firing an extra round to bring the gun to empty for a

fast reload is much faster than a traditional slide lock reload in which a target is reacquired and engaged. For example, suppose that the time from shot to shot when doing a slide lock reload takes you 2.0 seconds to complete with an accurate

hit afterward. If an extra round fired takes .25 sec and the time to reload and drop the slide without presenting and aiming takes only 1.0 second to do so that you can immediately leave a position of cover when done, that's a .75 second save each and every time.

Something to try on your own at the range: start with only 3 rounds in the gun and standing behind one end of a barricade. With one target down range from either end, fire 2 rounds per target, performing a slide lock reload at the opposite end after running dry after the third shot and complete a fourth shot on that target. Now do the same thing but start with full magazines and perform a loaded chamber reload while moving between the two ends, engaging each target with 2 rounds. Most shooters will find about a second in time savings between the two strings with the latter being faster. While you are able to move from one end to the other faster in the first



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Instead of stopping to reload and reacquire the same target twice, it's often faster to send an extra round at the previous target, go to slide lock, and reload while transitioning to the next target.

string, time spent moving while reloading in the second string, or doing two things at once, more than overcomes the reduction of speed moving between the ends. Said another way, if it takes you 3 seconds from

the last shot on the first target on one side to the first shot on the opposite side target, and it takes you 4 seconds to do the same thing but while reloading while moving to the other side of the barricade, your time

lost only 1 second. That means you would have to be able to perform a shot to shot slide lock reload in only 1 second for both runs to match overall times! Few shooters if any have a 1 second slide lock reload from concealment; but that's what you'd have to be able to do in order to not benefit from doing the reload with retention while moving between the ends.

At the end of the day, successful reloads and the translation to the most positive impact to your game comes from practicing the skill with the right technique and applying it in the most beneficial way to your game. Tj

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HOW IDPA CHANGED THE WORLD

PART 1: RELOADING THE GUN

By Duane Thomas



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For decades, tactical/armed self-defense training focused on the speedload as the technique of choice to recharge the auto pistol. Here Thomas speedloads a Glock 17.

There was a time, from the late 1980s into the mid-1990s, when I was, like, Mr. Firearms Training Class. In the space of a few years I went through about 30 training courses, mostly relating to the defensive handgun. Eventually I stopped that, and went off into the wilderness to work on my skill level, myself, in the process becoming a competition shooter. Recently, though to a far lesser extent than previously, I've begun taking training classes again, and I found that while I was away, some of the conventional wisdom has changed. Nowhere was this more evident than in the area of reloading the auto pistol.

When I was going hot and heavy in training classes, the conventional wisdom was that, since one of the great things about the auto pistol

is that it can be reloaded with a round in the chamber, and doesn't require opening up the action and disabling the gun during the process

like a revolver, it only made sense to take full advantage of that fact and always reload with the slide forward on a loaded chamber. Thus the vast majority of training, in the area of reloading the gun, consisted of slide forward reloads aka the speedload. At the very end of that block of instruction, they'd mention, "Oh yeah, if you should happen to shoot the gun to slidelock, here's how you deal with it. But you want to avoid that if at all possible."

I'm sure this was because of the influence of IPSC on tactical training. Back then it actually was IPSC, not USPSA as it became later. Competition shooting, then and still, has a huge effect on tactical training. People will always look to the best shooters to find which techniques work best. That's not always a great thing, but there's no doubt it happens. Thus Bill Rogers demonstrates his uncanny, laser-like ability to hit aspirin tablets from the draw with the gun at hip level, and a generation of shooters tries to hip shoot like Bill Jordan. Jack Weaver starts winning with two hands on the gun and using the sights, Jeff Cooper formalizes that as the Weaver Stance, and a generation of shooters tries to shoot like that. Even today, the Modern Isosceles Stance that has pretty much taken over tactical/armed self-defense training comes from the successes of Robbie Leatham and Brian Enos in the early '80s.

But...I digress.

So, back in the day, instructors focused on reloading the auto pistol



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Today, and in Thomas' opinion largely due to the popularity and influence of IDPA, the slidelock/emergency reload has largely supplanted the speedload in training classes. Gun is a Glock 34.

before it ran dry. Certain instructors would actually stand behind shooters and, if they ever shot their gun empty, start chanting, "Dead man's gun! Dead man's gun! Your gun is empty, you are DEADDDDD..." None of MY instructors ever did that, because they all had brains, but they had the horror stories to tell of instructors who did.

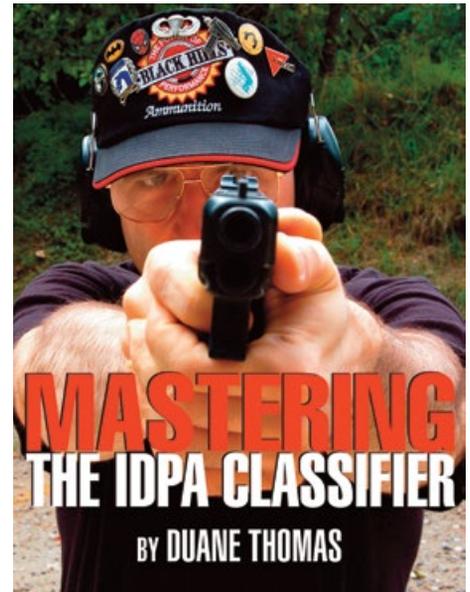
The "dead man's gun" teachers' behavior always struck me as idiotic and borderline criminal, akin to programming their students to die, to stop fighting if they ever shot their auto pistol dry in a real fight. There have been so many stories over the decades of trained shooters who found themselves in gunfights, won, and afterwards said it really helped them, at the moment of truth, when in their head they suddenly heard their instructor's voice, saying things like, "SMOOTHLY pull the trigger," and that settled them down and got them through. I have always wondered how many times it worked in the opposite direction, how many people ever found themselves in a protracted affray, such that they shot

their gun dry, at which point they heard their moronic instructor's voice in their head chanting, "Dead man's gun! Dead man's gun! Your gun is empty, you are DEADDDDD..." At which point they believed him, gave up and died.

"...while I was gone, things changed. Because in the interim, along came IDPA, in which the fastest, simplest, easiest to execute legal way to recharge the gun is the slidelock reload, or as IDPA likes to call it, the "emergency reload". This struck a lot of people, including a lot of trainers, as much more real world."

We'll never know, because such people weren't subsequently around to tell us.

The truth is that, if you ever shoot your gun dry in a real fight, you do not have a "dead man's gun" in your hands. You have a temporarily empty



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gun, which you will then swiftly reload and continue on to win the fight.

So, back to firearms training classes, I'm into it heavy for awhile, I go away, I come back. And while I was gone, things changed. Because in the interim, along came IDPA, in which the fastest, simplest, easiest to execute legal way to recharge the gun is the slidelock reload, or as IDPA likes to call it, the "emergency reload". This struck a lot of people, including a lot of trainers, as much more real world. Even the people previously instructing mostly in slide forward reloads would usually tell you, somewhere in there, "In a real fight, probably the first clue you'll have it's time to reload will be when your slide locks back." While giving you very little training in how to deal with that when it happens, natch.

These days, in my experience, that situation has reversed, and now many instructors pretty much insist their students always run the gun to slidelock, and put the vast majority of training time toward reloading the gun from a totally empty state. At the end of that block of instruction, they'll briefly mention, "Oh yeah, you could reload it before then, if you wanted." The exact opposite of the way things were before.

I tend to think that both approaches are flawed, by the way. If you only have the time to train people in one technique, if it truly is a "choose one" situation, then obviously the slidelock/emergency reload is your best choice. However I believe that well-trained, well-practiced shooters should know THREE techniques, the slide forward /speedload, the slidelock/emergency reload, and the

Reload With Retention - and ideally be highly skilled at doing all three. A shooter who can only swiftly and smoothly reload their carry gun if they do it with the slide forward, or only do it well if they shoot the gun to slidelock, is like a boxer whose only punch is a left jab or a right cross. We can know how to deal with every situation that could possibly come our way. And we're better off if we do.

But the sad truth is that many people don't. In years past you'd see the people who, when they shot their gun to slidelock, would kind of go into vapor lock. They'd freeze. "Well, it never did THAT before." They wouldn't know how to deal with it, because they very rarely had before. These days, again the situation has reversed. These days we have the people who seize up if they ever have

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2015 Comp-Tac Republic of Texas IDPA Championship

By Pat Doyle



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“If you have prepared to shoot the match of your life, it will not happen today.”

- Cody Ray

These words were the most powerful words I have heard at a safety brief in a match. These words were recently spoken at the 2015 Comp-Tac Republic of Texas IDPA Championship on Memorial Day 2015. The safety brief certainly set the tone for a soggy and wet day ahead in the heart of Texas for an unprecedented amount of rain that had fallen the week before. Due to the large amount of rainfall, conditions had worsened, so much that as I was driving across Texas from New Mexico, I was starting to wonder aloud if I would be turned around and sent back to sunny New Mexico. We were able to arrive the day before the match

and went to the range to ascertain the conditions. It was wet, and getting wetter by the moment. It was refreshing to see all the RO and staff working so hard to ensure a fair and consistent match for all of us to come.

As we walked the stages, it was apparent that raw speed would be negated for base safety reasons. I will have to admit, I think Texas mud is a special breed. It is slick and lives to attach itself to you adding pounds to your already tired feet. The ROs and staff were very aware of this and were fixing problems and anticipating the issues for when foot travel from more than 250 plus shooters were to come through. They were trouble shooting any and all problems to come in reference to the conditions of the range. I heard comparisons to Tulsa’s USSA range circa USPSA Nationals a

few years back.

The stages were very well thought out. Each stage would challenge the shooters maximum potential. In walking the range, I was very impressed at the amount of preparation and thought that went into this match. The staff was working tirelessly to complete all the requisite chores required to maintain a Tier 4 match. The weather was not helping out at all either. I understand the week before the match there was tremendous rain for an entire week. Now it was scattered, quick bursts of rain, then sunshine, then rain, then sunshine, then....well you get my drift.

More than 250 shooters attended this match from all parts of the United States. I was very impressed with the amount of out of town shooters who stated they always make this match a priority. I can now see why. The stages



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did require quite a bit of movement with multiple positions on each stage. I personally like these stages as they tend to bring out the best traits and capabilities of the shooters. The format of the squads was changed at the safety brief. After the safety brief by Cody Ray (Match Director), it was determined

for time and brevity an “Open Squad” format would be used. This meant, shoot where you want, when you want, just finish your match safely. At first I was hesitant, but shortly realized that Cody had the right staff and it was the right decision. We have all shot matches in less than desirable conditions, this

would be a great opportunity to test equipment and skill.

The stages were a vast mix of several kinds of stages that would challenge several skill sets. Some of the skill sets for this match included shooting on the move, very tricky foot work for some cover positions, great steel targets mixed in with the paper targets, great use of the bays for complete use of the stages for movement, swingers and activators were used very well for all skill level shooters, and the use of mandated failure drills. All this added up to a very technical, yet laid back fun match format. The stages were set up to challenge all variety of shooters at this match.

I was pleasantly surprised to see such a mix of all the current IDPA classifications at this match. I think many of us were sitting on the sidelines to see about the new CCP class. Many



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She Said Yes!

After a long, soggy and muddy day on the range shooting the Texas State match, spirits and good humor were a little frayed at the edges. Sure, it was a great match and we were happy to be done but the torrential rain, and clinging mud that turned your feet into 80 pound blocks of wet Texas earth, made smiles hard to come by. But IDPA shooters are a hardy lot and we made the best of it. However, a little surprise was about to happen at the awards ceremony that would give all of us a much needed lift of spirit.

As we made our way through the awards and prizes one of the SOs, Johnathon Miller, got up and took the microphone. It was something that he had worked out previously with the MD Cody Ray. Jonathon asked his



girlfriend, of nearly four years, Jerri Leigh up to the front of the crowd. He then proceeded to get down on tired, dirty, bended knee and opened a small box and ask the question, "Will you marry me?" The action moved the toughest and dirtiest of IDPA shooters to a wide smile. A loud clapping and cheering erupted as she shook her head yes.

If you have never seen these two on the range, they are wonderful people and very supportive of each other. Taking turns filming their courses of fire, reloading magazines and keeping track of concealment vests, they made the best of the day and you could see that they both made the day better for each other. We wish these two the best of luck and a long and happy marriage. Congratulations! – Allison Neil

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Rain or not, competitors focused and brought their best game to this match.

of the shooters were talking about the fact that they have classified in this division yet. The staff at the Triple C Ranch had some great suggestions. They noted some people hesitated to compete in this category as well, due to the fact you might appear to be handicapped by lower round count. They host a monthly BUG/ CCP match. This is a great idea. It will add exposure to a growing category that will gain more popularity for our sport.

Throughout the day, the open format of shooting allowed for breaks under the

awnings from the rain. In this time, it was nice to meet and talk with different shooters from around the country. It was nice to discuss stage strategies and equipment with them as well. It goes without stating, we have a collective group of great people who support our sport by supporting each other while competing amongst one another. The camaraderie in the shooting sports is one of the strongest bonds that brings us all together, and as a multiple shooting sport competitor, I feel it might just be the strongest in IDPA.

The awards ceremony was an amazing



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Jay Smith, ESP - Sharpshooter



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Have you hugged your SO today?

way to finish off a great match. It was comforting to see everyone, coated in mud, smiling and visiting at the end of the day. Many competitors' cars were stuck in the mud and needed to be pushed or pulled from the mud. It seems everyone just jumped right in to assist one another. One of the moments that will stick in my mind was the heartfelt and emotional speech on Memorial Day about what that day represents and how it defines us all as Americans. As tears welled in Cody Ray's eyes, and his voice crackled with emotion of eternal



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We're pretty sure this man can teleport to matches.

gratefulness, I was looking around at many in the crowd, many of them were also filled with true grateful emotion of the spirit of Memorial Day and also had tears in their eyes. It was a moving display, an amazing way to close out such a great match. All participants were smiling at the end of this match.

I would like to personally thank Cody and his staff for an outstanding match that was well attended, and well ran. But

then again, what do you expect from one of the biggest IDPA matches, in the heart of Texas. **TJ**

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The 2015 Smith & Wesson Pan-American Invitational Championship

By Katie Rowe



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Uh oh. What had I gotten myself into now?

Lured by the beauty of the island, the warm tropical sun and perhaps a few too many of those delicious piña coladas the night before, I had fallen between the sheets in Puerto Rico with a local. Our tryst was interrupted by the noise of his jealous ex-girlfriend and her friends coming into the house looking for the mofo' intruder...me!

After searching for a place to hide and with no time to get dressed I grabbed my clothes and crawled out the second story window onto the ledge. The ex was obviously onto us and decided to take it out on my new Puerto Rican sweetheart. I had no choice but to act...at the buzzer I dropped my concealment garment, ran down the narrow ledge to the window and took out this vengeful posse... with 2 per target, avoiding no-shoots and staying on the balance-beam sized ledge!

Stages straight out of a Hollywood

screenplay, warm sun, friendly people, a beautiful jungle range, delicious food, iguanas, and great competition made the inaugural 2015 Pan-American Invitational Championship a real treat. Match Directors Max Rivera and Rodrigo Carvajal made sure this Tier 4 match would be remembered as first rate all the way, with shooters from all over the world attending. "Our main goal was to ensure everyone had a good time!" Max said. "I feel everything turned out pretty well, being the first big competition. Overall things ran

smoothly.” Major sponsor Smith & Wesson was joined by Comp-Tac, Safariland, Apex Tactical Specialties, Warren Tactical, Armadillo Concealment, Federación de Tiro De Puerto Rico and RL Armería to make it all happen, including some great raffle prizes.

The Puerto Rico match turned out to be a great excuse to combine two great things – shooting and a tropical vacation. Held at the end of March, several competitors commented that a great way to get your spouse excited about your shooting career was to take them away from shoveling the snow-filled driveway at home and put them into a lounge chair with a rum drink sporting a tiny umbrella on a tropical beach...while you took out junkies, hood rats, and evil Tecos (Max’s playful jab at his Costa Rican assistant MD Rodrigo) at the range.

Puerto Rico is a great family vacation destination with the vibe of an exotic foreign country but the ease of traveling in the USA. Flights are readily available through Southwest and Jet Blue, usually with just a quick layover in Miami or Atlanta, and no passports are required for American citizens. Virtually everyone speaks English, the currency is the U.S. Dollar, and cell phone service is everywhere and not considered international (so yes you can still send those fascinating Instagram photos of your lunch to your friends back home without roaming charges). According to Tom Yost, S&W Team Shooter, “It’s like leaving the country, but you’re not. Everything about traveling to Puerto Rico is easy.”

Transporting firearms proved to be no issue either direction. Max arranged all the Puerto Rico Target Shooting Licenses for competitors with an easy one page application in the match registration, and there



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What would paradise be without a water feature? Looks like someone’s up a creek without a... Oh never mind.

were just a few additional forms for non-U.S. citizens. Both Match Directors went out of their way to be sure competitors had all the info they needed, and quickly answered any questions that came up. Ladies Champion Randi Rogers, commented “Traveling internationally can be a challenge but on the trip to Puerto Rico it was very simple. The match staff helped with the paperwork and the permits, I was able to bring in my own ammunition and overall the process was a pleasure instead of a hassle.”

The nearby Sheraton served as the match hotel, and more than one shooter found their way into the adjacent casino to donate some

money to the local economy. Several people stayed at the match hotel during the competition and at a nearby beach hotel before or after the match and enjoyed a mini-vacation checking out the rest of the island. Puerto Rico has tons of fun things to do, including wandering historic Old San Juan with its narrow cobblestone streets, snorkeling and scuba diving in warm turquoise water, zip line tours through the rain forest, and kayaking in amazing world-renown bioluminescent bays that actually glow after dark.

The match was held at the beautiful RL Shooting Club in Caguas. In contrast to a lot of the dry, dusty ranges where many matches are held,

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the Club is set in a lush jungle. Set against green hills in the center of the island, the trees are covered in bright orange flowers, and a picturesque stream filled with birds and turtles flows through the center. Small green geckos greeted everyone at the barbecue lunch provided. The Club is an easy drive on major highways [Note: Although I do recommend driving slowly down the hill into the club from the street turnoff. I also hope no one from Hertz is reading this.]

The match consisted of 16 stages plus chrono and equipment check spread over 2 days. Course designers Pedro Montanez and Pablo Venegas broke out their most creative stage design. The online video walkthroughs of the stages sent out to everyone beforehand gave no clue as to what was really in store. In addition to the night between the sheets with a local, shooters were faced

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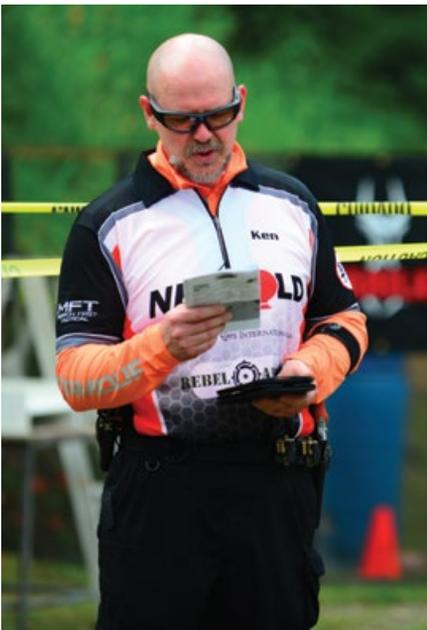


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Ken Ortbach reviews the course of fire with a multitude of fun challenges. The Beach Bum stage required rolling around on a towel after retrieving the gun out of the beer cooler. The Urban Pirate stage had everyone wearing an eye patch - over their dominant eye. The Save Your IPSC Friend stage required picking up additional reloads scattered throughout the stage, making for some great ammo management challenges. Bioluminescent Zombies started shooters paddling an actual boat set in the water. The Kinky Anniversary stage was shot entirely from inside a bathtub, and also involved a bath towel, a feather boa, and a pair of handcuffs. The Rockabye Baby stage involved the world's heaviest baby and plenty of strong hand shooting. Even more fun than shooting the stages was listening to the top-notch Safety Officer staff read the creative, hilarious and generally inappropriate stage descriptions.

The stage designers did a great job of both challenging the Masters while still keeping it fun for the other classes. Overall match champion Gordon Carrell felt the stages presented a lot of difficult shots and a lot of movement, saying "I tend to do better with more



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Lights. Camera. Action! It's not an unusual added pressure for overall match winner Gordon Carrell.

setups, so I definitely liked the stages." Lance Brown, an USPSA competitor shooting his first ever IDPA match said he had seen IDPA on Shooting USA said "It looked like a lot of fun and I had to give it a try! And it was!"

Mike Critser, who knows a thing or two about running a match after just having finished his stint as Staff and Logistics Director of the 2015 Indoor Nationals commented what a wonderful match it was. "It was run extremely well. It could not have been better. People were very warm and welcoming. The stages were really fun to shoot."

At the end of the day ESP shooter Gordon Carrell was not only the overall match winner, but also Most Accurate with only 30 points down. Scott Warren was High CDP, Assistant MD Rodrigo Carvajal was High SSP, Mark Leeber took the new High CCP division, and Kenneth J. Ortbach won the newly combined High REV division. Everyone enjoyed a delicious family-style Puerto Rican local meal while awards and raffle prizes were handed out.

The day following the match competitors were treated to a half-day

seminar with top shooters Gordon Carrell, Randi Rogers, Tom Yost, Scott Warren, and Mike Alexander. Participants were split into two groups and each ran through one of the match stages and received tips on stage analysis as well as personalized instruction on moving efficiently through a stage. Shooters in Gordon and Randi's squad received a condensed version of the GLC Shooting Academy Pistol 3 class, plus got to meet a lot of their fellow competitors in a friendly atmosphere, all included in the match fee.

Tune into Shooting USA this summer to see highlights from the match, and then get your calendar out and block off March 4th through the 6th for the 2016 Pan-American Invitational Championship. And add some extra days on each end to make it a true shooting vacation. **TJ**

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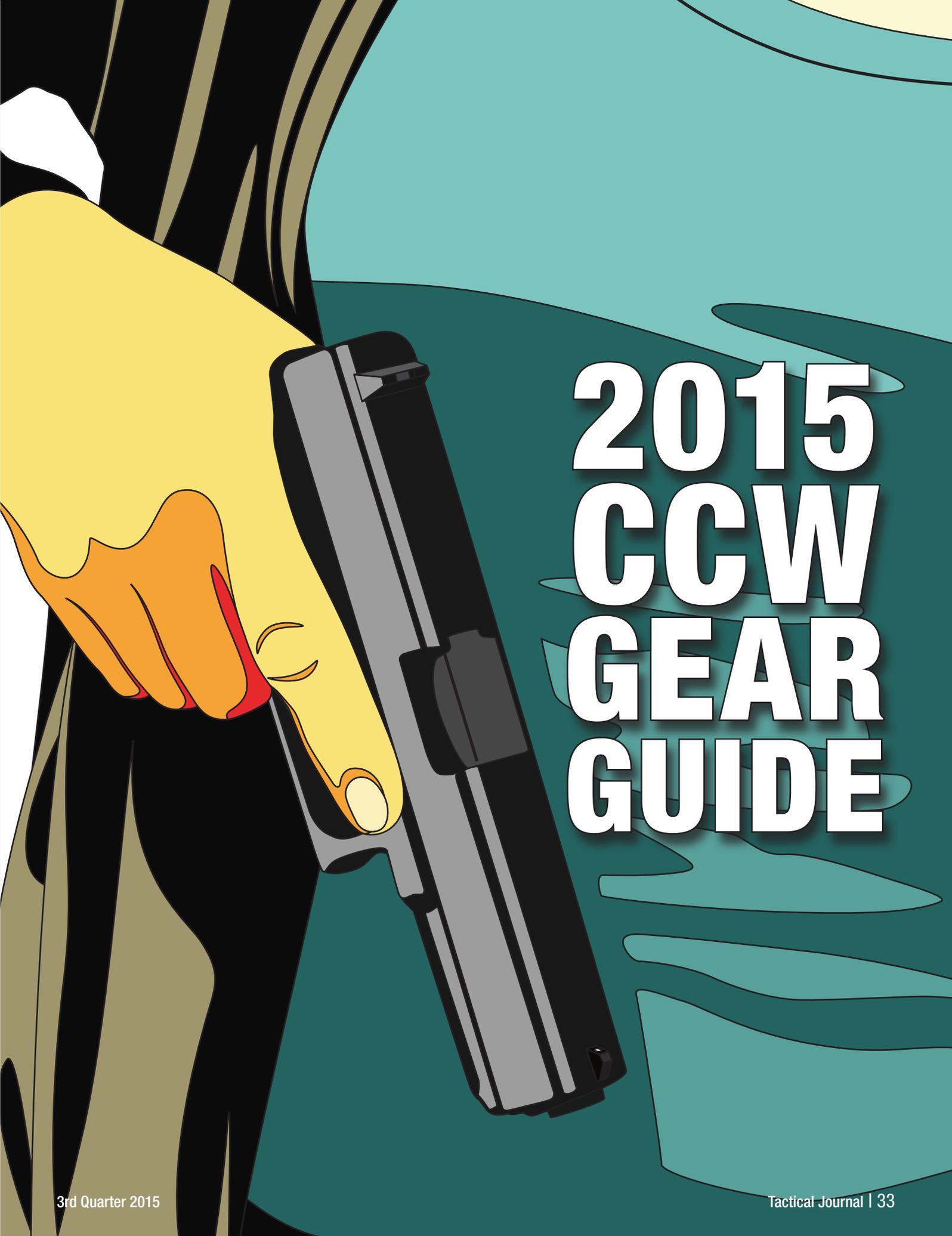
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FNS™-9

FNS™-9 Compact



FNS™-40

FNS™-40 Compact



FNX™-45

FNX™-40

FNX™-9

FNS™-9	
MSRP: \$599 (fixed sights), \$649 (night sights)	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 17+1 (10 round available) Action: double-action Barrel Length: 4" Weight: 25.2 oz.

FNS™-9 COMPACT	
MSRP: \$599 (fixed sights), \$649 (night sights)	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 12+1, 17+1 (standard with two 12-round, one 17-round magazine) Action: double-action Barrel Length: 3.6" Weight: 23.4 oz.

FNS™-40	
MSRP: \$599 (fixed sights), \$649 (night sights)	
Description	Caliber: .40 S&W Capacity: 14+1 (10 round available) Action: double-action Barrel Length: 4" Weight: 27.5 oz.

FNS™-40 COMPACT	
MSRP: \$599 (fixed sights), \$649 (night sights)	
Description	Caliber: .40 S&W Capacity: 10+1, 14+1 (standard with two 10-round, one 14-round magazine) Action: double-action Barrel Length: 3.6" Weight: 25.8 oz.

FNX™-45	
MSRP: \$824	
Description	Caliber: .45 ACP Capacity: 15+1 (10 round available) Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 4.5" Weight: 33.2 oz.

FNX™-40	
MSRP: \$699	
Description	Caliber: .40 S&W Capacity: 14+1 (10 round available) Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 4" Weight: 24.4 oz.

FNX™-9	
MSRP: \$699	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 17+1 (10 round available) Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 4" Weight: 21.9 oz.





G43

G43	
MSRP: \$580	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 6+1 Rounds Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.39" Weight: 22.36 oz.



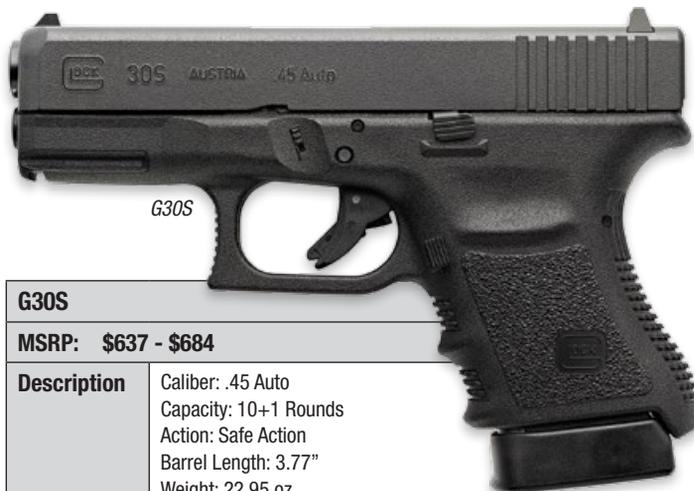
G42

G42	
MSRP: \$480	
Description	Caliber: .380 Auto Capacity: 6+1 Rounds Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.25" Weight: 13.76 oz.



G26 Gen4

G26 GEN4	
MSRP: \$649 - \$696	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 10+1 Rounds Std. (15/17/33 opt.) Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.42" Weight: 21.71 oz.



G30S

G30S	
MSRP: \$637 - \$684	
Description	Caliber: .45 Auto Capacity: 10+1 Rounds Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.77" Weight: 22.95 oz.



G26

G26	
MSRP: \$599 - \$646	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 10+1 Rounds Std. (15/17/33 opt.) Action: Safe Action Barrel Length: 3.42" Weight: 21.71 oz.



PERFECTION



Model No. 5

MODEL NO. 5	
STARTING AT: \$3485	
Description	Finally we have done it; this is truly a Big Bore Compact. The M5 is a commander sized slide, mated to a compact sized grip in the largest fighting caliber, the 50 GI. It's available in Stainless, Melonite, or a combination of the two, along with Hard Chrome and just added Ion Bond Black. Tritium sights and 15 LPI checkering are standard front and back, but with the variety of options available, each pistol can be unique. The M5 shown sports an Ion Bond Black barrel with a deep countersunk muzzle crown, making a unique and attractive carry pistol.

MODEL NO. 3	
STARTING AT: \$3185	
Description	To put the 50 GI in a compact package for daily carry takes something special, that something is the Model No. 3. The M3 is a commander sized pistol in the largest fighting caliber available. It's available in Stainless, Melonite, or a combination of the two. Tritium sights and 20 LPI "Carry" checkering are standard front and back but with our host of options each pistol can be unique. The M3 shown sports the Bob-tail option for the most concealable big bore package available in a custom 1911.



Model No. 3

CCO (CONCEALED CARRY OPTION)	
STARTING AT: \$2795	
Description	The CCO is chambered in either 9MM or .45ACP. It's available in Stainless, Melonite, a combination of the two, or with a weight-saving aluminum frame. The Commander length 4.25" slide and barrel on top of the Officers frame makes it the perfect answer to your concealed carry question. Already loaded with options such as slide top serrations, 15 LPI checkering, tritium sights, and round butt frame, check out the CCO and see how well it fits your holster.



CCO (Concealed Carry Option)



No Name Commander

NO NAME COMMANDER	
STARTING AT: \$2695	
Description	The middle sibling in the No Name Family is the commander sized pistol. It's 4.25" slide and barrel over a full-size frame make it a good choice for concealed carry while retaining the maximum shootability. This pistol size cries out to be bob-tailed and we invite you to make it your own when combined with the host of other available options. Standard features include slide top serrations, 15 LPI checkering, and tritium sights. Check it out and see how it's the pistol for you.





709SS "Slim"

709SS (709 "SLIM" COMPACT)	
MSRP: \$316.67	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 7+1 Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 3" Weight: 19 oz.



180 Curve®

180CVL (180 CURVE® PISTOL)	
MSRP: \$392	
Description	Caliber: .380 ACP Capacity: 6+1 Action: DAO Barrel Length: 2.5" Weight: 10.2 oz.

85B2FS REVOLVER	
MSRP: \$356	
Description	Caliber: .38 SPL Capacity: 5 Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 2" Weight: 21 oz.



85B2FS



738FS

738FS	
MSRP: \$250	
Description	Caliber: .380 ACP Capacity: 6+1 Action: DAO Barrel Length: 2.84" Weight: 10.2 oz.



111G2

111G2 (MILLENNIUM G2)	
MSRP: \$301	
Description	Caliber: 9mm Capacity: 12+1 Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 3.2" Weight: 22 oz.

605B2 REVOLVER	
MSRP: \$356	
Description	Caliber: .357 MAG Capacity: 5 Action: DA/SA Barrel Length: 2" Weight: 24 oz.



605B2





P99

P99

MSRP: \$629

Description Caliber: 9mm
Capacity: 15
Action: DA/SA
Barrel Length: 4"
Weight: 24 oz.



PPS

PPS

MSRP: \$599

Description Caliber: 9mm
Capacity: 7 Medium, 8 Large
Action: Single Action
Barrel Length: 3.2"
Weight: 21.5 oz.



PPQ M2

PPQ M2

MSRP: \$649

Description Caliber: 9mm
Capacity: 15
Action: Single Action
Barrel Length: 4"
Weight: 24.5 oz.



PPK

PPK

MSRP: \$699

Description Caliber: .380 ACP
Capacity: 6
Action: DA/SA
Barrel Length: 3.3"
Weight: 22.1 oz.



CCP

CCP

MSRP: \$469

Description Caliber: 9mm
Capacity: 8
Action: Single Action
Barrel Length: 3.54"
Weight: 22.33 oz.



HACKATHORN SPECIAL, 9MM

MSRP: \$3850 (Part #: HACK-FS-9)

Description Ken Hackathorn has been one of the most influential experts in the field of practical pistol shooting since the mid 1970's. His practical knowledge of firearms and training is unsurpassed and so is his well known love for the timeless 1911 pistol. When asked to develop his dream Wilson Combat custom 1911 pistol Ken drew upon decades of practical experience and his vast collection of custom handguns to develop the "Hackathorn Special". This model is geared towards the needs of the serious defensive shooter and has "Everything you need and nothing you don't". The "Hackathorn Special" is destined to be a Wilson Combat classic handgun selection.



Hackathorn Special

Protector Compact

PROTECTOR COMPACT, 9MM

MSRP: \$3985 (Part #: PTR2-CP-9)

Description The 2015 Protector® is based on our steel or lightweight, light-rail frame in Full-size, Professional or Compact trim and was designed from the ground up as a next generation all-around, carry 1911 pistol with modern styling and performance enhancements. This will be your new favorite concealed carry pistol.

TACTICAL CARRY FULL SIZE, .45ACP

MSRP: \$3750 (Part #: TC-FS-45)

Description Perfect for your CDP Division Pistol. The Tactical Carry has been designed by Bill Wilson as a next generation full-size custom pistol and is an ideal choice for an everyday carry piece or as a training companion to our Ultralight Carry model. The full-size steel frame fitted with our Bullet Proof® round butt one-piece magwell enhances reloading, tames recoil and reduces wear and tear during high volume practice sessions and ensures that the Tactical Carry will last you a lifetime of shooting. The Tactical Carry also comes complete with many of our most popular performance and cosmetic options, like carry cuts, ball end mill slide cuts, serrated top and rear of slide and countersunk slide stop post. The reduced profile concealment grip safety and hammer in conjunction with round butt magwell guarantees that the Tactical Carry will be a Bullet Proof® performer for you on the range or on the street.



Tactical Carry Full Size

1911 Elite Tactical Magazine

1911 ELITE TACTICAL MAGAZINE (9MM, FULL-SIZE, 10 ROUND, EDM BASEPAD)

MSRP: \$39.95 (Part #: 500-9)

Description Wilson Combat®, with a firmly established reputation for outstanding quality, the highest reliability, and superb service both before and after the sale has built hundreds of thousands of 1911 single-stack magazines. We get a lot of feedback about magazines, and magazine performance - and we listen. Our magazines have undergone 3 design and/or material changes, each carefully evaluated and proven before they were released to the market. The result of our latest effort is a completely redesigned magazine with the features we've heard you ask for.

ULTIMA LUBE II PRODUCT LINE

MSRP: \$10.95 (Part #: 578-4)

Description Wilson Combat® Ultima-Lube II is a blend of petroleum and synthetic lubricants specially formulated to insure optimal performance of any firearm and inhibit wear. The unique blend of lubricating fluids has proven ideal for today's high-tech semi-auto weapons, whether manufactured of conventional steels, aluminum alloys or stainless steel. In addition, we have found nothing superior to Ultima-Lube II for the proper lubrication and protection of the hand-fit custom firearms that Wilson Combat® is known for. Available in Oil, Lite-Oil, Universal, Grease, Bore Cleaner, Carbon Remover, and Bore Polish.



Ultima Lube II Line



CLOAK TUCK 3.0

STARTING AT: \$43.88

Description

Alien Gear Holsters has revolutionized the concealed carry industry once again with their new and improved 'Cloak Tuck' 3.0 IWB concealed carry holster. Designed for even greater comfort and concealment, the 'Cloak Tuck' 3.0 features a lightweight design, soft neoprene fabric, ballistic nylon, and a stainless spring-steel core.

Alien Gear Holsters worked with a team of engineers to design the most technologically advanced concealed carry holsters on the planet. This new gun holster features better retention, enhanced flexibility and extreme comfort without sacrificing size or weight. The 'Cloak Tuck' 3.0 holster also exudes a durable design, allowing for long-term use without breakage.

Cloak Tuck 3.0



The backbone of this new IWB holster is a thermo elastomer and stainless spring-steel, offering unmatched toughness and core strength, while the vinyl "Alien Skin" outer texture helps to keep your pistol holstered in place without reducing drag. You've got to feel this stuff to believe it!

With built-in flexibility on both ends of the handgun holster, the 'Cloak Tuck' 3.0 forms perfectly to your hip and provides more comfort than you've ever felt in a concealed carry holster. The materials used in the making of this hybrid holster require zero break-in time.

This gun holster is completely waterproof, so concealed carry handgun owners never have to worry about corrosive sweat reaching their pistol. It also includes a fully swappable handgun shell and durable vinyl belt clips which work seamlessly with other Alien Gear Holsters.

Alien Gear Holsters integrated comfort into the 'Cloak Tuck' 3.0 by covering the once exposed T-Nuts with a layer of soft neoprene fabric on the back of the gun holster. Concealed carriers will feel true comfort when feeling this soft material against their bare skin.

All of Alien Gear Concealed Carry Holsters are fully covered by an Iron-Clad Triple Guarantee, which includes a 30-day test drive and a forever warranty. The 'Cloak Tuck' 3.0 is available for over 400 different handgun models and starts as low as \$43.88. Find yours today at Aliengearholsters.com!





Eclipse Double Mag Pouch

ECLIPSE DOUBLE MAG POUCH

MSRP: \$54.99

- Description**
- Natural curve designed to fit snug and tight to body
 - Able to change belt widths and ride height
 - Top of pouch designed to allow smooth, quick draw
 - Tapered edge at top allows for easy reholstering
 - Ambidextrous



Total Eclipse Holster

TOTAL ECLIPSE HOLSTER

MSRP: \$59.99

- Description**
- Adjustable IWB ride height
 - Adjustable retention
 - Ambidextrous/Can wear IWB or OWB
 - Contoured for greater concealment
 - Partial dual sweat guard
 - Positive Lock Trigger Guard
 - Adjustable Cant (Straight or FBI)



Klipt Holster

KLIPT HOLSTER

MSRP: \$29.99

- Description**
- IWB Holster (right hand only)
 - Perfect for small or medium frame autos
 - Easy on and off belt Klip
 - Full length sweat guard
 - Positive Lock Trigger Guard
 - Straight drop cant



Classic OWB Holster

CLASSIC OWB HOLSTER

MSRP: \$64.99 To \$84.99

- Description**
- Perfect for the range or EDC
 - 3 Position adjustable cant
 - Adjustable retention
 - Weapon light compatible for select models
 - Multiple attachment options
 - Positive Lock Trigger Guard

Black Ice Holster



BLACK ICE

MSRP: \$69.99 To \$84.99

- Description**
- Adjustable retention
 - Multiple attachment options
 - Muzzle channel allows quick seated draw
 - Positive Lock Trigger Guard
 - Right hand only





Two O'Clock Holster



Flatline Thumb Break Holster

NEW! TWO O'CLOCK

MSRP: \$64.99

Description The Comp-Tac Two O'clock has long been a favorite amongst customers, however, the one drawback was always the clip. The original Two O'clock clip was made of Kydex and Kydex is not flexible enough or durable enough to be used as a clip. The New Comp-Tac Two O'clock clip is made of a much more durable and flexible Nylon material similar to Comp-Tac's other clips. The New Two O'clock clip allows for ride depth adjustment and puts the holster at a much more comfortable cant. The holster body is still made of all Kydex and designed to be worn inside the waistband.

NEW! FLATLINE THUMB BREAK

MSRP: \$94.99

Description The Flatline Thumb Break is an all Kydex holster with a leather thumb break giving the holster a level two retention system. The holster can be worn inside the waistband or outside the waistband by changing the clips provided with the holster. Available in both right and left hand, the holster is cant and ride depth adjustable and can be purchased in multiple colors.

Infidel Max features Adjustable Cant



Infidel Max Holster (Straight Drop Configuration)



NEW! INFIDEL MAX

MSRP: \$69.99

Description The Infidel Max is an all Kydex inside the waistband holster that offers the option of cant adjustability. With multiple holes the holster can be worn as a straight/ speed drop, a 15° forward cant or a 15° reward cant. With the cant adjustability this holster fits comfortably anywhere from 2:00- 5:00 on the body. With a durably nylon clip this holster is quick to put on and take off and the clip is gentle on belts and clothing.

5197 RANGE SERIES OPEN TOP MID RIDE HOLSTER	
MSRP: \$34.00	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustable belt loop eliminates belt-bulging Compact and lightweight with low cut sides for ease of draw Belt loop is user adjustable for cant angle; can also be worn cross draw Available in 1.5" (38mm) and 1.75" (45mm) belt widths Available in STX finishes

778 DUAL OPEN FRONT MAGAZINE POUCH	
MSRP: \$54.00	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilizes 90° adjustable belt loop Magazines sit against plastic rollers that reduce drag during draw Two sets of tension screws through rollers for adjustment and fast reloads Closed low-cut front helps prevent magazine from being knocked out of pouch Fits belt widths up to 1.5" (38mm) Available in STX Tactical® or STX Basketweave finishes

332 RANGE BELT 1.5" (38MM)	
MSRP: \$46.00	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforced to hold heavy competition handguns and ammunition Highly tactile interior to grip clothing Available in CORDURA®, Black, OD Green, Foliage Green, and FDE Brown

4555 SHOOTERS' RANGE BAG	
MSRP: \$78.00	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removable center compartment has 4 separate padded handgun compartments Magazine pouches conveniently sewn into main storage area Two large exterior pockets and a fully lined interior Overall dimensions: 14" x 9" x 10"

5195 RANGE SERIES OPEN TOP LOW RIDE HOLSTER	
MSRP: \$39.00	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compact and lightweight, low cut sides for ease of draw Offset belt loop allows for a straight up draw Modular offset adapter accommodates the QLS19 locking fork, 745BL and 567BL Recommended for female shooters Available in STX finishes

568 CUSTOM FIT PADDLE & BELT LOOP COMBO	
MSRP: \$53.00	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pistol and 4 revolver fits accommodate over 200 different weapons Injection-molded paddle designed for concealability and comfort Genuine SafariLaminate™ thermal-molded construction with suede lining to help protect the gun's finish Available in STX Plain Black finish

779 DUAL OPEN TOP SINGLE MAGAZINE POUCH	
MSRP: \$54.00	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magazines sit against plastic rollers that reduce drag during draw Two tension screws adjust hold on both the middle and end of the magazine Open-front design ensures fast reload Fits belt widths up to 1.5" (38mm) Available in STX Tactical® or STX Basketweave finishes

5197 Range Series Open Top Mid Ride Holster



778 Dual Open Front Magazine Pouch

332 Range Belt 1.5" (38mm)



4555 Shooters' Range Bag

5195 Range Series Open Top Low Ride Holster



568 Custom Fit Paddle & Belt Loop Combo

779 Dual Open Top Single Magazine Pouch



SAFARILAND



Leather Holsters



Magazine Pocket Protectors

LEATHER HOLSTERS

MSRP: \$39.95 - \$69.95

Description Made from glove-quality leather, each holster is designed for your specific firearm. The Kydex insert ensures that a smooth, silent draw occurs every time and uses two magnets to stay closed.
Comes in: Right and left hand carry with Belt Clip or Belt Loop.
Color and material options: Black Leather, Brown Leather, Black Alligator Pattern, Brown Alligator Pattern, Black Ballistic Nylon

MAGAZINE POCKET PROTECTORS

MSRP: \$12.95 - \$22.95

Description The sleeve is designed specifically for your pistol's magazine – it both protects the round at the top of your magazine and also keeps the valuables in your pocket from getting scratched.
Color and material options: Black Leather, Brown Leather, Black Alligator Pattern, Brown Alligator Pattern, Black Ballistic Nylon

Match-Grade Gun Belts



MATCH-GRADE GUN BELTS

MSRP: \$29.95

Description Designed to properly distribute the weight of your firearm and holsters, these belts are made from the exact same leather as the Sneaky Pete Holster so each is a perfect match.
Color options: Black Leather & Brown Leather



Innerpocket

INNERPOCKET

MSRP: \$29.95

Description Made from thin, high-quality imported calf leather, the innerPocket is designed with a variety of pockets and pouches to store the items we all carry around in our pockets keeping things organized and free from damage.
Color and material options: Black Leather, Brown Leather, Red Alligator, Black Alligator Leather, Coffee Alligator Leather, Chestnut Alligator Leather
iPhone size options: iPhone 4, 5c, 5s, 6





DUTY/CARRY ACTION ENHANCEMENT KIT	
MSRP: \$92.95	
Description	The Duty/Carry Action Enhancement Kit is a simple drop in to replace the factory fire control components and provides a consistent 5.0 to 5.5 lbs. trigger pull with the advantages of shorter over-travel and shortened trigger reset. This kit is applicable to all Smith & Wesson M&Ps in 9, 40 and 357 calibers. A different kit with the same attributes is available for the 45 M&P's.



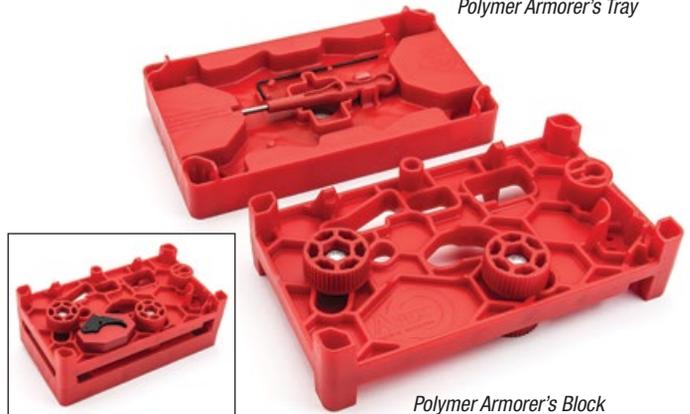
SIG P320 FLAT-FACED ACTION ENHANCEMENT TRIGGER	
MSRP: \$44.95	
Description	Apex's Sig P320 Flat-Faced Action Enhancement Trigger is a direct replacement to the factory curved trigger and is easily installed without the need for tools. The flat design increases trigger reach to the natural resting position of the shooter's finger.

M&P Polymer Forward Set Sear & Trigger Kit



M&P POLYMER FORWARD SET SEAR & TRIGGER KIT	
MSRP: \$129.95	
Description	Apex's Polymer Forward Set Sear and Trigger Kit sets the trigger break point farther forward than the factory trigger assembly as well as, significantly reduces the uptake and over travel with a smooth trigger pull throughout the break. The kit comes with two (2) trigger return springs; one designed to produce approximately a 4.0 lbs trigger pull (silver spring), and one to produce a 5.0 lbs trigger pull (green spring).

Polymer Armorer's Tray



Polymer Armorer's Block

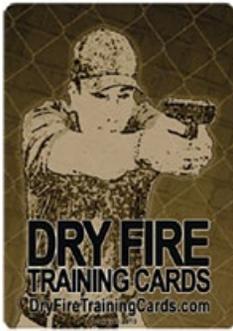
POLYMER ARMORER'S BLOCK & TRAY	
MSRP: \$29.95 (Armorer's Block)	
MSRP: \$24.95 (Armorer's Tray)	
Description	The Polymer Armorer's block and Tray are must haves for any home gunsmith, armorer or gun tinkerer. Both are made from high density polymer. The Armorer's Block features movable bosses and is designed specifically for working on M&P and Glock pistol assemblies. The New Armorer's Tray locks in place under the Armorer's Block and contains a magnet to capture your steel pins as you free them during removal and anti-skid feet to keep it in position on your table top. When used together the Block serves as a tool caddy. Trigger Assembly Block sold separately.

Shield Duty/Carry Kit & Action Enhancement Trigger



SHIELD DUTY/CARRY KIT & ACTION ENHANCEMENT TRIGGER	
MSRP: \$159.95	
Description	The Shield Action Enhancement Kit will reduce your trigger pull to the mid to high 5lb range while reducing over travel and reset length. The kit will also smooth out your trigger uptake and provide a more-crisp trigger break.



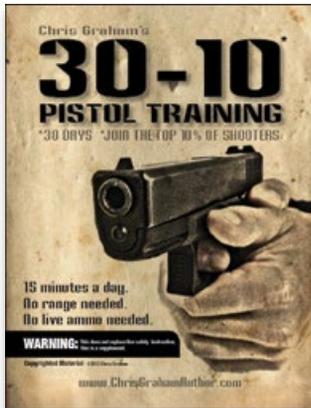


Dry Fire Training Cards

DRY FIRE TRAINING CARDS

MSRP: \$17 (\$11 through the IDPA link)

Description 50+ dry fire drills made by and for US Special Operations personnel, competitive shooters, and defensive shooters. Tested and Recommended by the National Tactical Officers' Association. Recommended and used by the curriculum developer and former head instructor for the US Navy SEAL Sniper Program. 1/4 of the drills are low light drills and all drills can be done alone or with a training partner.
Discount IDPA Link: DryFireTrainingCards.com/IDPA



30-10 Pistol Training

Concealed Carry Masters' Course



CONCEALED CARRY MASTERS' COURSE

MSRP: \$147 (\$97 through the IDPA link)

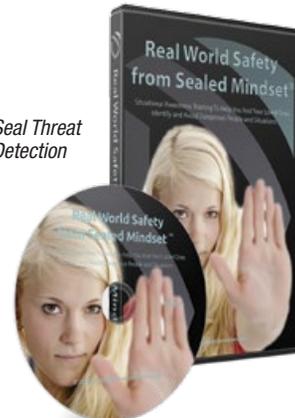
Description The Concealed Carry Masters Course is the first and only firearms DVD training course that teaches scientifically validated techniques to reprogram your startle response so that you automatically and instantly respond to threats without delay or hesitation. Designed by a combat decorated Navy SEAL and a team that included Force Recon, Green Berets, and LE SWAT who proved that the fastest and longest lasting improvements in performance happen with a dry/live training ratio of 90:10, this 9 hour course includes classroom portions, numerous follow-along dry fire drills, and live fire demonstrations.
Discount IDPA Link: ConcealedCarryMastersCourse.com/IDPA

30-10 PISTOL TRAINING

MSRP: \$47 (through the IDPA link)

Description Designed by a Force Recon Marine with extensive time downrange operating solo under continual threat of kidnapping and assassination who was only able to carry a concealed carry pistol the majority of the time, 30-10 Pistol is a proven at-home 30 day dry fire program guaranteed to put you in the top 10% of shooters. The IDPA link also includes a special presentation on how to go from being a 10% shooter to being a top 1% shooter by breaking all the rules.
Discount IDPA Link: 3010Pistol.com/IDPA

Seal Threat Detection



SEAL THREAT DETECTION

MSRP: \$47 (\$37 through the IDPA link)

Description Created by a retired Navy SEAL who deployed solo and as part of a 2 man team in hostile areas and his former "intelligence professional" wife, this is THE premier civilian situational awareness product. Suitable for both tactically and non-tactically minded...children and adults, this DVD course will program the unconscious minds of you and your loved ones to calmly and quickly identify and respond to threats.
Discount IDPA Link: SEALThreatDetection.com/IDPA



QUICK-WICK CAP IN BLACK	
MSRP: \$19.95	
Description	Quick-wick - Quick-cool - Quick-dry Six panel cap that allows fresh air in and warmth and moisture out. Keep your head cool and dry with this quick-wicking cap

QUICK-WICK CAP IN CAMO	
MSRP: \$19.95	
Description	Quick-wick - Quick-cool - Quick-dry Six panel cap that allows fresh air in and warmth and moisture out. Keep your head cool and dry with this quick-wicking cap



Quick-Wick Cap In Black

Quick-Wick Cap In Camo



Micro Fiber Towel

MICRO FIBER TOWEL	
MSRP: \$4.95	
Description	This towel is intended for dry or damp use to easily wipe down guns and gear. You can also use this ultra-soft fabric for cleaning your hands and faces from sweat. This soft, absorbent microfiber towel is lightweight and quick drying. Includes a built-in grommet for hanging the towels from your bags or gear. Size: 12" x 12".

Range Rod



RANGE ROD	
MSRP: \$19.95	
Description	The New SPDTool Range Rod is another innovative Portable Tool for range use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features #8-32 threads for use with standard cleaning brushes and accessories. • Can be used to remove barrel obstructions in auto pistols and revolvers (9mm and up) • Made with a handy fractional inch scale for measuring target groups, or depths of obstructions in barrel • Includes Removable Magnetic Parts Retriever Tip • Portable pocket size (.338 Diameter x 5" Long) • Made of durable Aerospace grade 6061 Aluminum that will not harm barrels • Made entirely in the USA



License Plate Frame

LICENSE PLATE FRAME	
MSRP: \$4.95	
Description	Dual fastening holes appear at the top of the frame. Black frame constructed with recycled materials. Size: 6-5/16" x 12-7/16".

IDPA LANYARD PEN	
MSRP: \$5.95	
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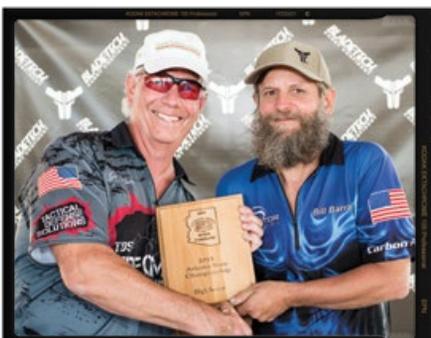
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Upcoming Matches

AUGUST

Aug 21, 2015

Patriot Match presented by National Sporting Goods - Tier3

Lewistown Pistol Club, Inc., Lewistown, Pennsylvania

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www.lewistownpistolclub.com**Aug 21, 2015**

2015 Michigan State IDPA Championship Tier 3

Brooklyn Sportsmans Club, Brooklyn, Michigan

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www.brooklynsportsmansclub.com

SEPTEMBER

Sep 11, 2015

Delaware State IDPA Match - Tier 2

Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club, Milford, Delaware

Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club

www.bville-rifle-pistol.org**Sep 11, 2015**

2015 IDPA Missouri State BackStoppers Match -Tier 3

Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club, Barnhart, Missouri

Arnold Rifle And Pistol Club

www.arpc-idpa.com**Sep 12, 2015**

The Masters 2015 IDPA Championship - Tier 2

Brocks Gap Training Center, Hoover, Alabama

Brock's Gap IDPA

www.brocksgapidpa.com**Sep 12, 2015**

U.S. East Coast Championship - Tier 4

Caswell Ranch, LLC, Prospect Hill, North Carolina

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www.caswellranch.com**Sep 16, 2015**

2015 IDPA World Championship

United States Shooting Academy, Tulsa, Oklahoma

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www.usshootingacademy.com

SEPTEMBER

Sep 19, 2015

VA Commonwealth Cup

Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club, Charlottesville, Virginia

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www.RivannaAP.org

OCTOBER

Oct 3, 2015

2015 Indiana State Championship

Atlanta Conservation Club, Atlanta, Indiana

Atlanta Conservation Club

www.atlantaconservationclub.com**Oct 3, 2015**

The Western IDPA Championship - Tier 4

Sacramento Valley Shooting Center, Sloughhouse, California

Sacramento Defensive Pistol Shooters

www.sdps-idpa.org**Oct 9, 2015**

Blade-Tech Lone Star IDPA Championship 2015 - Tier 4

Triple C Tactical Training (CCCS), Cresson, Texas

Cross Timbers Action Shooting Association

www.ctidpa.com**Oct 16, 2015**

Blade-Tech 2015 New Mexico IDPA Championship - Tier 3

Butterfield Shooting Range, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Las Cruces IDPA (Affiliated with Picacho Gun Club)

<http://lc-idpa.com/>**Oct 17, 2015**

2015 Fall Brawl Tier 3 Match

Central Arkansas Shooters' Association, Perryville, Arkansas

Central AR Shooters Association (CASA)

www.casarange.com**Oct 17, 2015**

New York State IDPA Championship Match - Tier 2

Pine City Sportsmen's Club, Inc., Pine City, New York

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www.pinecitysportsmensclub.com

Visit www.IDPA.com/compete to find a club match near you.

OCTOBER

Oct 23, 2015

Music City Cup V - Tier 3

Music City Tactical Shooters, Dickson, Tennessee

Music City Tactical Shooters

www.mctclub.com

Oct 24, 2015

Northern Arizona High Country Shootout - Tier 2

Prescott Action Shooters, Prescott, Arizona

Prescott Action Shooters

www.prescottactionshooters.com

Oct 31, 2015

Space Coast Challenge - Tier 2

Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, Florida

Port Malabar Rifle and Pistol Club

www.pmrpcidpa.com

NOVEMBER

Nov 5, 2015

Smith & Wesson IDPA Back Up Gun National Championship

Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center, Springfield, Massachusetts
S and W Defensive Pistol League

JANUARY

Jan 16, 2016

2016 South Mountain Showdown

Phoenix Rod & Gun Club, Phoenix, Arizona

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MARCH

Mar 4, 2016

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to reload a gun before it goes dry.

Again, competition has had its effect on tactical/self-defense training. As it has been doing for decades. As it will continue to do for as long as “combat” firearms games exist. We always look to the best, the most highly skilled, to see how things should be done, and in IDPA, for the first time, we had, and have, extremely highly skilled people shooting guns to slidelock and then dealing with it.

I used the phrase “sad truth” earlier. It is a very sad truth that even most school trained shooters will never progress beyond what they’ve been taught, and won’t even practice that overly much. Even most people who truly like guns, who truly APPROVE of guns, even most people carrying guns, don’t really care overly

much about getting truly GOOD with guns. I have always found this hard to understand but it’s true. People who take this whole “gun training” thing seriously, who love practicing, who love working on their skill set with a gun in their hands, who have trained themselves in, and are very good at executing, multiple techniques, to deal with ever possible eventuality, really are highly skilled martial artists. We want to be those people. Tj

Duane Thomas, #A01127

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Step #3:

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Step #4:

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Parting Shot Winners From Our Last Issue

WINNER

"I'm a little teapot..."

Joe Hamrick, #A57305

SECOND PLACE

"This is what a swinger looks like when you miss it."

Don Lattimore, #A791054

THIRD PLACE

"I feel pretty! Oh so pretty! I feel pretty, and witty, and gay!!"

Maddy Folk, #A657737

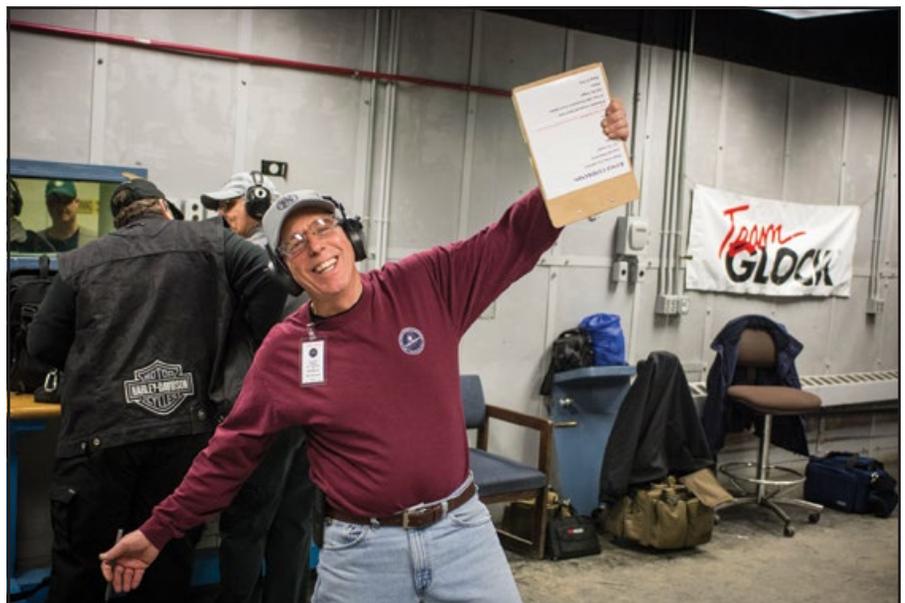


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